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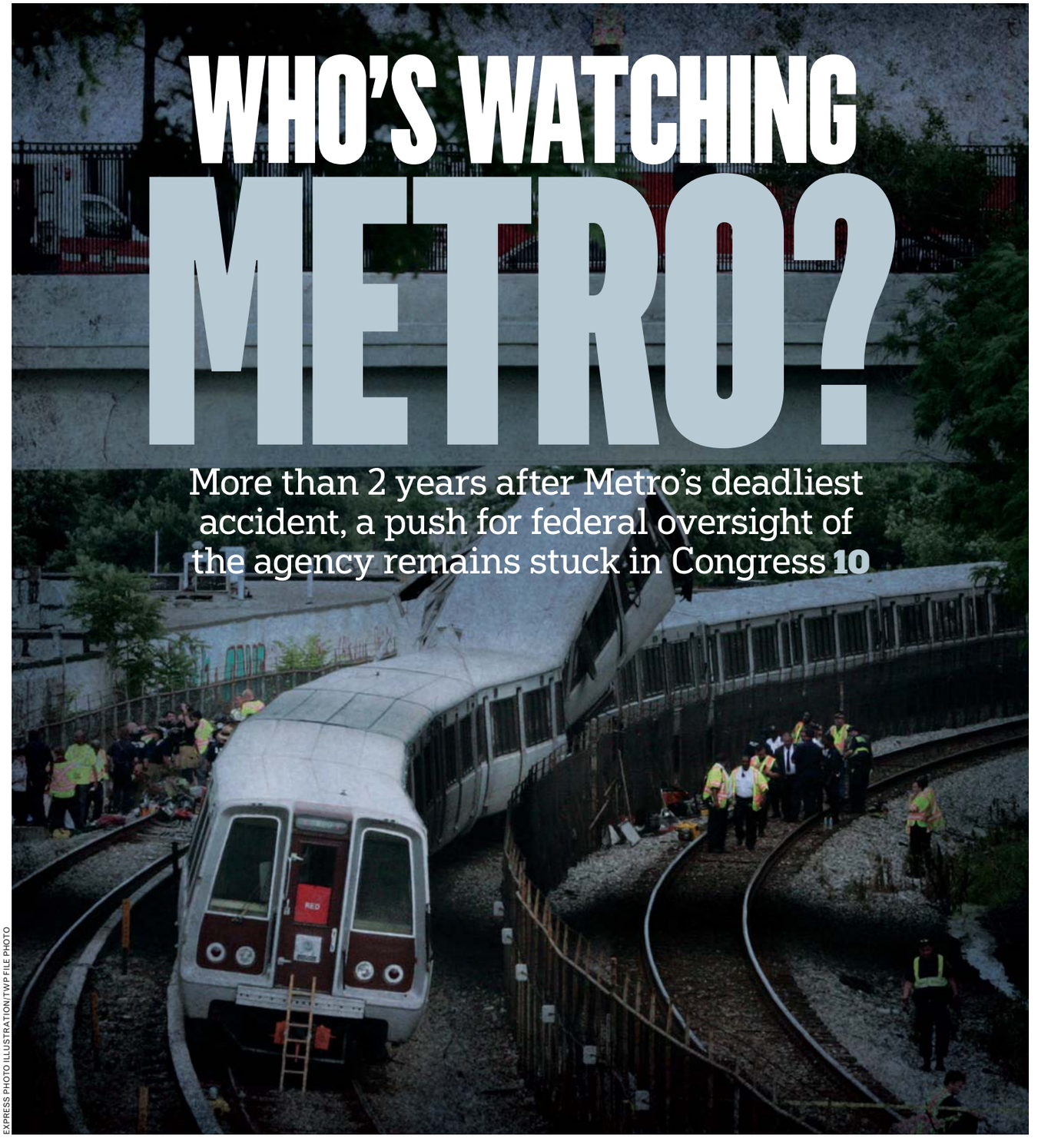
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IRRESISTIBLY QUIRKY

How to Catch Hipsters

A New York City sewage plant is offering tours for couples on Valentine's Day. The superintendent of the Newtown Creek Wastewater treatment plant in Brooklyn says the highlight of the tour will be the plant's giant egg-shaped digesters, which break down the noxious waste into harmless sludge and gas. (AP)

VOLKSWAGENS

Herbie Goes Mad With Power

A Volkswagen Beetle owned by the Carter County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department became an improvised pursuit vehicle. Deputy Shane Watson was leaving the courthouse Feb. 2 when a man reported a pickup truck being driven erratically. Watson turned on the car's lights and siren and gave chase, but the driver ignored him. When the driver showed no signs of stopping for a light, Watson went around her and braked, expecting to sacrifice the Beetle, but the truck stopped in time. (AP)

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL

Bedbugs Took Manhattan. They Don't Need Kentucky.

A school in Augusta, Ky., was embarrassed by a bedbug hoax. Augusta Independent School Principal Robin Kelsch said concerned parents called and called after reports of bedbugs began to circulate. Kelsch said the rumor started when a student brought in a water bug and squashed it, then told her friends it was a bedbug "just to scare them." (AP)

The Big Picture

ALTAF QADRI/AP



PAGING 'JACKASS': Villagers display their strength by allowing a tractor carrying three adults to pass over them during a rural sports festival in Kila Raipur, India, on Saturday. The festival features major Punjabi rural sports including a bullock cart race, tug-of-war, a tractor race and events for the disabled, among others. (AP)

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THIS WEEK



Gay Marriage Bill in Wash.
Washington state who's on Monday will sign into law a measure legalizing gay marriage. It would take effect 90 days after the legislative session ends next month.

2013 Budget Released
President Obama is sending Congress his 2013 budget Monday. Its aim is to achieve $4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade by restraining spending and raising taxes.

China's VP To Visit U.S.
Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping arrives in the U.S. on Monday for a high-profile visit to be feted as if he were the president of China — the post he's expected to take next year.

Unpredictability Follows GOP Race

Romney's Maine win is latest chapter in long path to nomination

Des Moines, Iowa

From the start, it's been a roller-coaster race for the Republican presidential nomination. GOP primary voters can catch their collective breath for the next two weeks after spending the past six lurching toward one candidate and then another in an exercise of political soul-searching that appears far from settled.

The next contests, in Arizona and Michigan, aren't until Feb. 28. The party with a reputation for order may have it sorted out after March 6, when 10 states get their say. But that would break sharply with this race's tendency toward uncertainty.

"It's just frenetic," says Sally Bradshaw, a Republican strategist and longtime aide to former Florida governor Jeb Bush. "Everyone is changing their mind every week. ... It's a sign of a party that does not yet know its path."

With nine contests down, Mitt Romney leads the delegate hunt, and has both the money and the organization to compete deep into the state-by-state nomination calendar. The last contest, in Utah, is set for June 26.

But his two main rivals have scored decisive victories, putting into doubt the strength of the former Massachusetts governor's front-running candidacy.

Former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum's sweep of Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri this past week is a reminder of Romney's failures to win over conservatives. That was the case, too, in South Carolina, where former House speaker Newt Gingrich finished first. The near-victory by Texas Rep. Ron Paul in Maine on Saturday further exposed the GOP's deep divisions.



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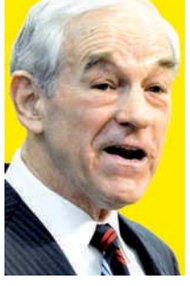
With nine contests down, deep pockets and organization, Mitt Romney leads the GOP race.

Maine was the latest chapter in a race certain to continue to be volatile — and long.

Last week, Santorum re-emerged as Romney's chief challenger, forcing Romney to recalibrate his campaign in the face of conservative reluctance to support him. Maine was the latest state to weigh in, and Romney was narrowly declared the victor Saturday over Paul.

No one has proved able to assemble a broad coalition of establishment party leaders, social conservatives and tea party activists in a party that lacks a natural national leader such as a former president to influence the rank and file.

THOMAS BEAUMONT (AP)



Paul: The Revolution Continues

Ron Paul said he wishes all the Maine caucuses had been held on Saturday. Mitt Romney was declared the victor in Maine even though several places in the state won't hold their caucuses until next weekend. Maine Republican Chairman Charlie Webster said results from later caucuses will not be factored in. Paul said the momentum behind his candidacy will continue, and that he's pledging not to go away and that the revolution continues. (AP)

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McConnell: Overturn Birth Control Policy

Washington

Conservatives said Sunday the flap surrounding President Obama's birth control mandate was far from over, with Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell saying he'll push to overturn the requirement because it was another example of government meddling.

While White House chief of staff Jacob Lew shrugged off such remarks Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," declaring the issue resolved and new legislation unlikely, the heated rhetoric from Republicans suggested the GOP would try to keep the debate alive in an election year to rally conservatives and seize upon voter frustration with big government. "And this is what happens when the government tries to take over health care and tries to interfere with your religious beliefs," McConnell said.

Lew said the president planned to move ahead with implementing the current plan: "Women are going to have access [to contraception], and institutions like Catholic universities and Catholic hospitals will not be in the position that they had feared. I think that's a good resolution." ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

Backstory

Last week, President Obama backed down on a mandate that religious-affiliated employers such as Catholic hospitals and colleges cover birth control in their health insurance plans. After initially telegraphing optimism about the decision Friday to amend the religious exemption for mandatory birth-control and sterilization coverage, late Friday, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared total opposition to any compromise on the issue. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)



Learn to Live Like a Monk

Looking for a wild-and-crazy time at college? Don't sign up for Justin McDaniel's religious studies class on monastic life and asceticism at the University of Pennsylvania. Students must forego technology, coffee, physical human contact and certain foods. They'll also have to wake up at 5 a.m. — without an alarm clock. Each constraint represents an actual taboo observed by a monastic religious order. (AP)

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FBI Seeks to Scan All Social Media

San Francisco

The U.S. government is seeking software that can mine social media to predict events such as future terrorist attacks and foreign uprisings, according to requests posted online by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

Hundreds of intelligence analysts already sift overseas Twitter and Facebook posts to track events such as the Arab Spring. But in a formal "request for information" from potential contractors, the FBI recently outlined its desire for a digital tool to scan the entire universe of social media — more data than humans could ever crunch.

The Department of Defense and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence also have solicited the private sector for ways to automate the process of identifying emerging threats and upheavals using the billions of posts people around the world share every day.

"Social media has emerged to be the first instance of communication about a crisis," the FBI wrote.

The proposals already have raised privacy concerns among advocates who worry that such monitoring efforts could have a chilling effect on users.

"Any time that you have to worry about the federal government following you around ... it's going to affect the way you speak and the way that you act," said Ginger McCall, director of the open government project at the Washington, D.C.-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

MARCUS WOHLSEN (AP)

Threat Assessment

Analyzing public information is nothing new in the world of intelligence. During the Cold War, CIA operatives read Russian newspapers and intercepted television and radio broadcasts in hopes of inferring what Soviet leaders were thinking. But the rise of social media over the past few years has dramatically changed both the kinds and amount of freely available information. (AP)

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Weekend Review



1 WASHINGTON

Obama Signs Final Bill Authored by Giffords

President Obama signed into law Friday a final bill authored by then-Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was wounded in an Arizona shooting rampage a year ago. The law increases the penalties for using ultra-light aircraft when smuggling drugs into the U.S. (AP)

2 WASHINGTON

Turkey: Tehran Is Ready To End Nuclear Dispute

Turkey's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, said Friday that Iran is ready to negotiate an end to the standoff with the West over its nuclear program, suggesting the dispute could be resolved quickly if the distrust between the two sides could be overcome. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

3 ISLAMABAD

PM's Appeal Rejected

Pakistan's Supreme Court denied Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani's appeal against a looming contempt charge Friday, prompting fears of added instability. Gilani has refused a court order to renew a corruption case against President Asif Ali Zardari. (TWP)



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

4 Snow-Hit Town Digs Out

Firefighters clear snow from a home in Carligul Mic, Romania, on Saturday. The region has been battered by heavy snow and bitter cold since late January, leading to the freezing of 440 miles of the Danube River and causing millions of dollars in shipping losses, officials say.



5 "For him to suggest that I'm not the conservative in this race, you reach a point where desperate people do desperate things."

— **RICK SANTORUM,** FIRING BACK ON ABC'S "THIS WEEK" ON SUNDAY AT MITT ROMNEY'S CRITICISM OF SANTORUM'S CONSERVATIVE RECORD LAST WEEK. THE FORMER PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR BESTED ROMNEY IN THREE STATES ON TUESDAY, THOUGH ROMNEY PICKED UP A WIN IN MAINE ON SATURDAY.

6 FRANKFURT, GERMANY

Life Sentence for Militant Who Killed 2 U.S. Airmen

An Islamic extremist who killed two U.S. airmen in an attack at the Frankfurt airport last year was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison Friday. Arid Uka, 22, was also convicted of attempted murder for wounding two others and for taking aim at a third before his gun jammed in the March 2 attack. (AP)

7 JOHANNESBURG

S. Africa to Put Mandela On All Currency Notes

The complete series of South African bank notes will bear Nelson Mandela's image, President Jacob Zuma said Saturday on the 22nd anniversary of the anti-apartheid icon's release from prison. Zuma did not say when the new rand notes — issued in denominations of 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 — would appear. (AP)

8 BEIJING

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The sentence, in years, for a Chinese dissident who wrote a poem urging his countrymen to gather at a public square, a rights group said Friday. The U.S. voiced deep concern over Zhu Yufu's reported sentencing. (AP)

World

Austerity Riots Inflame Greece

As Athens agrees to enact stricter cuts, protesters lash out

Athens, Greece

Greek lawmakers Monday approved harsh new austerity measures demanded by bailout creditors to save the debt-crippled nation from bankruptcy, after rioters in central Athens torched buildings, looted shops and clashed with police.

The historic vote paves the way for Greece's European partners and the International Monetary Fund to release $170 billion in new rescue loans, without which Greece would default on its debt next month and likely leave the eurozone, which would further roil global markets.

Sunday's clashes erupted after more than 100,000 protesters marched against the drastic cuts, which will ax one in five civil service jobs and slash the minimum wage by more than a fifth.



VLADIMIR RYS/GETTY IMAGES

Police stand guard as firefighters extinguish a blaze in Athens, Greece, set Sunday by protesters ahead of a parliamentary vote that approved new austerity cuts.

At least 10 buildings were on fire, including a movie theater, and looters smashed dozens of shops in the worst riot damage in years. Dozens of police officers and at least 37 protesters were injured.

Prime Minister Lucas Papademos urged calm, pointing to the country's dire financial straits.

"Vandalism and destruction have no place in a democracy and will not be tolerated," Papademos told Parliament.

As protests raged Sunday, demonstrators set bonfires in front of parliament and dozens of riot police formed lines to keep them from making a run on the building.

Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos said the measures, demanded by Greece's bailout creditors in return for the added rescue loans, were vital to the country's economic survival.

Lawmakers voted 199-74 in favor of the cutbacks. Besides 37 lawmakers from the majority Socialists and conservative New Democracy party who voted against the bill or abstained, six others voted against sections of the proposed measures. After the vote, the coalition government announced those 43 lawmakers had been expelled. DEREK GATOPOULOS AND NICHOLAS PAPHITIS (AP)

Backstory

Since May 2010, Greece has survived on a $145 billion bailout from its European partners and the International Monetary Fund. When that proved insufficient, a rescue package worth a further $171 billion was approved — combined with a massive bond swap deal that will write off half the country's privately held debt. But for the deals to materialize, Greece has to persuade its creditors that it has the will to implement spending cuts and reforms. (AP)

In Brief



AP

Rescue workers dig Sunday after an avalanche struck Restelica, Kosovo.

RESTELICA, KOSOVO

Deadly Avalanche Kills 9

Rescuers pulled a 5-year-old girl alive from a house flattened by a massive avalanche that killed her parents and at least seven of her relatives in a remote mountain village in southern Kosovo, officials said Sunday. Villagers braved subfreezing temperatures and used shovels to dig deep into the snow-covered rubble to hunt for victims. (AP)

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U.S. Ready to Face Iran

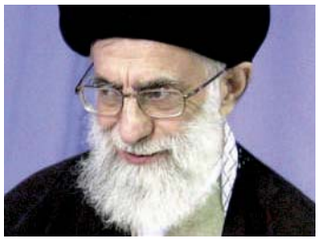
The top U.S. Navy official in the Gulf said Sunday he takes Iran's military capabilities seriously but insists his forces are prepared to confront any Iranian aggression in the region. Still, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, commander of the 5th Fleet, did not outline specifically how the Navy might answer an Iranian strike or an effort to shut the entrance to the Persian Gulf. (AP)

SAO PAULO

Witnesses: Man Had 'Psychotic Attack' on Jet

A Brazilian airliner safely made a forced landing after a passenger had a "psychotic attack," entered the cockpit and assaulted a pilot, crew members and passengers who tried to subdue him, witnesses said Sunday. The TAM Airlines jet was en route from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Sao Paulo on Saturday, but landed instead at Porto Alegre airport in southern Brazil. (AP)

Hearsay



"People do not expect anything except endurance from Palestine's resistance."

— **AYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI,** IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER, URGING HAMAS TO CONTINUE ITS FIGHT AGAINST ISRAEL, STATE TV REPORTED SUNDAY. HE ADDED THAT TEHRAN WILL "STAND BY THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AND THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT."

Al-Qaeda Backs Uprising in Syria

Beirut

Al-Qaeda's leader has issued a call for the ouster of Syria's "pernicious, cancerous regime," raising fears that Islamic extremists will try to exploit an uprising against President Bashar Assad that began with peaceful calls for change but is morphing into a bloody, armed insurgency.

The regime has long blamed terrorists for the 11-month-old revolt, and al-Qaeda's endorsement, delivered late Saturday by the terror group's chief, Ayman al-Zawahri, creates new difficulties for the U.S., its allies and Arab states trying to figure out a way to help force Assad from power. On Sunday, the 22-nation Arab League called for the U.N. Security Council to create a joint peacekeeping force for Syria, but Damascus rejected it immediately.

"Wounded Syria is still bleeding day after day. ... The resistance of our people in Syria is escalating."

— **AYMAN AL-ZAWAHRI,** AL-QAEDA'S LEADER, IN A VIDEO RELEASED SATURDAY.

The uprising as a whole has become more violent in recent months as demonstrators take up arms to protect themselves. In a grave escalation, a string of suicide attacks have killed dozens of people since late December. The latest, twin bombings in the northern city of Aleppo, killed at least 28 people on Friday, the regime said.

Nobody has taken responsibility for the attacks, but the regime said they have the hallmarks of al-Qaeda and immediately blamed the global terror group. (AP)

28 **The number of days it will take to remove the fuel aboard the Costa Concordia,** officials said Sunday, as operations bean to pump out the 500,000 gallons of oil began. The cruise ship ran aground off Italy's Tuscan coast on Jan. 13, killing 17 people. Fifteen others are presumed dead. Poor weather and rough seas had prevented the fuel removal. (AP)

Metrobus Signs Confuse Riders

Use of 'alight only' on displays causes misunderstandings

Transportation

Kathryn Catania of Northwest Washington looked up at a Metrobus sign at Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue NW outside the National Gallery of Art and didn't get it.

The sign read "Alight Only."

She wrote to us saying she was "dumbfounded" by the phrasing and thought other riders might be, too.

In an email, Catania, who calls herself a Metro rider and advocate for plain language, wrote, "I thought to myself, 'What does 'alight' mean?'"

Catania wondered "why they didn't say 'Exit Only for X, Y, Z routes'" instead of "Alight Only."



DANA HEDGPETH/TWP

The Metrobus sign at Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue NW reads "Alight Only."

"Bus riders shouldn't have to look up the language on the bus sign to decipher what it says," she wrote.

The sign at Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue seems to imply Alight Only, or exit only, for routes P17, P19 and W13.

Dan Stessel, Metro's chief spokesman, said the sign means passengers can "discharge" for these routes at the stop but the bus won't "accept new passengers" for those routes there.

As to why the second part of the sign reads, "16F, 32, 36, 54, 74 Only," he said at first that it was "clearly a mistake."

But he wrote in a later email, "upon further research, it appears that the sign it replaced contained the word 'only' as well."

Bus officials, he said, believe "it is because there are so many routes that pass the location without stopping — so the word 'only' was added at some point to reduce confusion." The sign is part of Metro's "new sign standard," according to Stessel.

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Part of the Plan

The new signs are bigger and comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, with a larger font size. Metro has put in 500 of the new signs, and it will take three years to install new ones at Metro's 11,000 bus stops across the region under a $2.5 million plan to put in new poles, Braille and lettering. (TWP)

D.C. Invites Anacostia Metro Ideas

Washington

The District is seeking ideas for redoing the area around the Anacostia Metro station.

The city will hold a design charrette today from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church. The charrette, according to a news release, is aimed at "designing a public space that connects the Metro station to neighborhood assets, makes the area safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, better manages local stormwater and complements upcoming economic development projects in the community."

D.C. is one of five cities that received technical design assistance from the EPA's Greening America's Capitals programs. (TWP)

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Local

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Wilder: Va. Dems Sold Out On Repeal of Gun Sale Ban



Wilder

Former governor Doug Wilder is blaming fellow Democrats in Virginia's Senate for allowing the repeal of one of his legislative legacies — a limit of one individual handgun purchase per month. The grandson of slaves also says Republicans are embarrassing Virginia with requirements to present identification at polls to vote, saying they target minorities, the old and the disabled in an election year. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Park Police Find Body Near Lincoln Memorial

Authorities say they are investigating a shooting death near the Lincoln Memorial. The victim was found in West Potomac Park on Sunday morning. Sgt. David Schlosser, a U.S. Park Police spokesman, says the investigation has been turned over to D.C. police because it is a death investigation. (AP)

1,700

The approximate number of District residents who showed up for Mayor Vincent Gray's town hall summit at the convention center Saturday. The event cost the city $600K. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Feb. 12

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers 4-9-1
Mid-day DC 4 0-3-0-5
D.C. Five (Sun.) 6-1-6-9-0

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Mid-day Pick 3 8-0-6
Mid-day Pick 4 6-9-7-4

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Mid-day Pick 3 8-8-9
Mid-day Pick 4 8-6-2-1
Mid-day Cash 5 1-10-14-18-32

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

HUD Plans Pr. George's Overhaul

Department once led by Johnson will get management help

Largo, Md.

The troubled Prince George's County housing department, which was the center of former county executive Jack B. Johnson's bribery and development schemes, is about to get a makeover.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development plans to send specialists to help Prince George's do a better job of managing housing programs and other community revitalization efforts.

The arrangement is part of what County Executive Rushern L. Baker III, a Democrat, has said will be an overhaul of the agency, which has a budget of $92 million. For years, the housing agency has been under fire for questionable practices and poor management that contributed to a loss of $2 million in unspent federal funds during the administration of Johnson, a Democrat.

An audit last year by Virginia Tech, commissioned by the Prince George's County Council and the Baker administration, is helping shape efforts to remake the agency. The review found that the county's housing department operated with untrained staff members and lacked a long-term housing policy, allowing millions of dollars to be awarded to developers who had not met any formal criteria. Baker's transition team said the agency had a "lack of leadership."

An agreement between HUD and the county agency is expected to be signed Monday at Baker's office in Upper Marlboro. Nearly all of the county's housing funds come from the federal government.

Mercedes M. Marquez, HUD's assistant secretary for community development, said Baker sought her out for federal assistance.

"He came to my office, essentially saying, 'This is now on my watch, and I want to be a model for the country.' she said. The preliminary assessment will take about two months, Marquez said, and then a detailed improvement plan using HUD's recently established "college of experts" will be designed. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Backstory

The effort to revamp the Prince George's County housing agency is similar to work that HUD is doing in several other places across the nation, including Detroit, Houston, New Orleans and the District. (AP)

Virus Devastating Md. Animal Population



SCOTT FARNSWORTH/TOWSON UNIVERSITY

DUCT TAPE TEMPORARILY HOLDS A TRANSMITTER on the back of a Montgomery County box turtle being studied by Towson University recently. The school is investigating Ranavirus, the disease that scientists say is wiping out tadpoles, baby salamanders and box turtles in Montgomery County. | **postlocal.com**

King Memorial Group Angry at Quote Change

Washington

The president of the foundation that oversaw the creation of the new Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial criticized National Park Service plans Saturday to change an inscription on the monument, saying it risks threatening the "design, structure and integrity" of the memorial.

The paraphrase on the memorial reads: "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness."

The full quotation, taken from a 1968 sermon about two months before his assassination, reads: "Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter." (AP)



Catch Me if You Can: A Maryland man is accused of using fireworks to destroy a gingerbread house on his front porch. Jerry Lee Heinefield, of Rock Hall, faces charges of reckless endangerment and illegal fireworks possession. Police say Heinefield, 36, put illegal fireworks inside the gingerbread house and that his wife was burned on the wrist when it exploded. Heinefield said he used firecrackers as a creative way to dispose of the gingerbread house. (AP)

Cover Story



HANS CHARLES/FTWP

Backstory

A push for regulations followed the June 22, 2009, Red Line crash , which killed nine people and injured dozens. The National Transportation Safety Board urged Congress to give the Federal Transit Administration the power to enforce national safety standards. The Obama administration sent legislation that had bipartisan support to Congress, but efforts eventually died. In its final report on the crash, the NTSB criticized Metro for disregarding its recommendations. It also criticized the Tri-State Oversight Committee, which monitors safety at Metro, for being weak — at the time of the crash, the TOC had one full-time employee and didn't have an office. It now employs three full-time and four part-time workers. (TWP)

Officials Pursue Transit Oversight

2 bills would grant federal authority to enforce safety standards for Metro

Washington

More than two years after the deadliest crash in Metro's history, there are no federal standards in place for making the nation's subways and light rail systems safer.

This week, two bills that address safety are expected to go before the House and Senate for debate. One proposal would give the Federal Transit Administration oversight and the authority to set standards.

Unlike the railroad, trucking and airline industries — in which there are regulations for equipment; the hours engineers and pilots work; and more — rail transit straddles two different worlds. Commuter rail systems such as MARC and the Virginia Railway Express are subject to federal regulations, but subways are excluded under a law passed more than 40 years ago.

That leaves 47 rail agencies that set their own rules and procedures. Often there are few, if any, state regulations and minimal oversight from independent authorities that have no enforcement power.

Almost two years after the Red Line accident, FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff testified before Congress about how the inconsistency in safety oversight was evident near the site of the tragedy — and how much had not changed.

"You had an Amtrak line," he said. "You had the MARC commuter rail line. And you had the Washington Metro line. And there was voluminous federal oversight on two of those tracks, and on the third track, there was close to nothing, and that is the status quo, and it really is not defensible."

In the region and nationwide, oversight authority remains weak. The Tri-State Oversight Committee, which monitors safety at Metro, still has no authority to enforce standards or issue fines, which some safety investigators and federal regulators say is a problem.

"We encourage Congress to act quickly so riders everywhere can rest assured that every trip to work, to the doctor, or school is as safe as it can be," Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said in a statement.

Having federal standards would "seem logical," said Maryland Secretary of Transportation Beverley K. Swaim-Staley.

Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton said they "would be helpful," but he also warned that implementing them could become complicated as Metro operates in different jurisdictions with different governments.

"At least for Metro, I'm uncertain whether we necessarily need it given where we are today," Connaughton said, noting that Metro and TOC have made progress.

Still, "you can always do more," said Mort Downey, who heads the safety and security committee of Metro's board of directors.

The NTSB also acknowledges Metro has made progress in safety, but it says that does not eliminate the need for federal oversight. NTSB officials are concerned that agencies could have an accident and make changes to equipment but not change broader safety policies.

"They could see it as there would be no need to take it any further than, 'We've fixed this problem; we're OK,'" said Stephen J. Klejst, director of the NTSB's Office of Railroad Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigation. DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Parallel Efforts On the Hill

Two transit safety measures moving through Congress are tied to reauthorization bills for federal highways and transit spending, so many regulators believe the initiative has a better chance of passing.

→ **The Senate version** repeals a 1964 law that prohibits federal oversight of transit agencies and requires the Federal Transit Administration to implement and enforce minimum safety standards.

→ **The House bill** leaves the law in place and allows the secretary of Transportation to certify that state organizations have measures in place for transit safety oversight, congressional staffers and safety regulators say. The House bill would also end the use of federal gas tax revenue for mass transit, requiring annual appropriations instead. (TWP)

"We have federal safety standards for planes, trains and automobiles. It's shocking we don't have them for the 7 million Americans who rely on metro systems every day."

— **SEN. BARBARA MIKULSKI,** D-MD., WHO HAS INTRODUCED SUCH EFFORTS IN THE PAST.

Sports

Hoyas Come Up Big

Georgetown uses a balanced effort to wear down scrappy St. John's

Hoyas Hoops

Double digits. Georgetown freshman Greg Whittington got there for the first time. St. John's did, too, becoming the first team in the nation to lose 10 games to Top 25 teams this season.

Single digits. Georgetown's Nate Lubick had an impressive line of them: seven points, eight rebounds, five assists and a career-high four blocks.

Single digits were also where the 12th-ranked Hoyas were stuck lead-wise in Sunday's 71-61 win over the Red Storm. Georgetown never trailed, but its lead didn't hit 10 points until there were 3 seconds to play.

Big East standings

SYRACUSE 25-1 (12-1)
MARQUETTE 21-5 (10-3)
NOTRE DAME 17-8 (9-3)
GEORGETOWN 19-5 (9-4)
LOUISVILLE 20-5 (8-4)
SOUTH FLORIDA 15-10 (8-4)
CINCINNATI 17-8 (7-5)
SETON HALL 17-8 (6-7)

With Jason Clark and Hollis Thompson drawing the bulk of the attention from St. John's defense, Whittington's scoring and Lubick's hustle were key down the stretch as Georgetown (19-5, 9-4 Big East) recovered from an overtime loss at No. 2 Syracuse on Wednesday.

Whittington's 12 points set the pace for the Hoyas, who shot 61 percent in the second half and moved into sole possession of fourth place in the conference.

"Coach mentioned to us before the game, talking about how people were still praising us after a loss," Lubick said. "That's something that we can't look at. We needed to bounce back fast. ... To come out and grit out a big win was important."

Clark, Markel Starks and Otto Porter all scored 11 points, and Thompson had 10, but Clark was 4 for 13 from the field and Thompson took only six shots.

Enter Whittington, who hit one of the big 3-pointers late in the game to answer St. John's momentum. And Lubick, who blocked Moe Harkless' shot at one end, then set up a three-point play by Clark that gave the Hoyas a nine-point lead with 3:14 to play.

Whittington and Lubick combined to go 8 for 11 from the field and were playing so well that coach John Thompson III kept both in the game late, when they would usually be on the bench. Lubick's 27 minutes matched the most he's played in a Big East game this season.

"I thought he made the hustle plays," the coach said. "His effort was very good, and we needed it."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



RICHARD LIPSKI/AP

Georgetown's Markel Starks goes up for a basket against St. John's on Sunday.

Meanwhile ...

Freshman Aaron Cosby made five 3-pointers and finished with a season-high 19 points, while Herb Pope had 19 points and 14 rebounds and fellow senior Jordan Theodore had 15 points and nine assists to lead Seton Hall to a 73-66 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday. The Pirates (17-8, 6-7 Big East) won their second straight after a six-game losing streak, picking up a big victory in one of those February games that teams feel they have to have to stay positive about postseason hopes. (AP)



Sims Bounces Back: Henry Sims has emerged as one of the nation's biggest surprises this season, not to mention one of No. 12 Georgetown's most productive players. But, as his struggles Wednesday at Syracuse proved, the first-year starter has lessons still to learn. On Sunday against St. John's, he proved that he's a quick study. Sims rebounded from his off-night at Syracuse — in which he missed 11 of 12 shots — by scoring nine points and dishing out three assists, both close to his season averages of 11.6 points and 3.6 assists per game. (TWP)

In Brief



ERIC RISBERG/AP

Phil Mickelson was paired with Tiger Woods in Sunday's final round.

GOLF

Mickelson Captures Title at Pebble Beach

Phil Mickelson delivered the Sunday charge at Pebble Beach and made Tiger Woods' road back look a lot longer. Six shots out of the lead going into the final round, Mickelson closed with an 8-under 64 to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and become only the ninth player with 40 career PGA Tour wins. (AP)

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Zambia Wins African Cup

Zambia won the African Cup of Nations on Sunday, beating pre-tournament favorite Ivory Coast 8-7 on penalties in a dramatic final at Stade de l'Amitie. Zambia earned its first African title in the same city where 18 Zambian internationals died in a plane crash in 1993 in the country's worst sporting disaster. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Bryant Sinks Raptors

Kobe Bryant hit a baseline jump shot with 4.2 seconds left and the Los Angeles Lakers wrapped up a six-game road trip by holding on to beat the Raptors 94-92 on Sunday. (AP)

WOMEN'S GOLF

Korda Wins Aussie Open

American teenager Jessica Korda won the Women's Australian Open on Sunday for her first LPGA Tour title, holing a 25-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a six-player playoff. The 18-year-old completed a two-sport, father-daughter Australian double with the breakthrough victory in the LPGA Tour opener. Petr Korda won the 1998 Australian Open tennis tournament. (AP)

Sports

Terps Stumble Late vs. 'Canes

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Terps Women's Hoops

Stefanie Yderstrom scored a career-high 26 points and Shenise Johnson added 20 to help sixth-ranked Miami rally to beat No. 8 Maryland 76-74 on Sunday.

The Hurricanes (22-3, 11-1) have won 11-straight games since falling to North Carolina by two points on Jan. 2.

Trailing 66-60 with six minutes left, Miami rallied behind Johnson. The senior preseason All-America's jumper from the corner with 2:07 left gave the Hurricanes their first lead since early in the first half and set up a tense finish.

Anjale Barrett's layup with 54 seconds to go put Maryland (21-4, 8-4) ahead 72-71. But the Hurricanes took the lead for good on Sylvia Bullock's jumper 15 seconds later. After two missed shots by the Terrapins, Johnson hit two free throws to make it 75-72.

Leading by five at halftime, Maryland was able to extend the advantage to 50-42. The Terps had chances to make it a double-digit lead but kept missing layups and free throws that allowed Miami to stay in the game.

Miami won the first meeting between the teams on Jan. 12, handing Maryland its first loss of the season. DOUG FEINBERG (AP)



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Miami forward Sylvia Bullock, left, and Maryland forward Tianna Hawkins compete for the ball in Sunday's game, won by Miami.

Duke Stays Perfect in ACC

Haley Peters scored 18 points to lead Duke's balanced scoring, and the fifth-ranked Blue Devils remained unbeaten in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 67-57 victory over Florida State on Sunday. Elizabeth Williams added 13 points, including 10 in the second half, and Shay Selby had 11 for Duke, which is bearing down on a third-consecutive ACC title. Duke's only losses this season have been to UConn, Kentucky and Notre Dame — all ranked in the Top 10. (AP)

Baltimore Nears Deal to Keep Grand Prix for the Next 5 Years

Auto Racing

Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake says the city is finalizing an agreement with a new operator of the Baltimore Grand Prix.

The mayor said in a statement Friday that the city would announce terms of the five-year deal on Wednesday.

The deal is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Estimates on Feb. 22. It would be good through 2016.

The mayor said last year's Grand Prix, held over Labor Day weekend, generated $47 million in economic impact.

She did not say with whom the city was negotiating to operate the racing festival. She said the city would not comment further until Wednesday.

The city in December terminated its contract with the race's organizers, Baltimore Racing Development, after the group failed to pay $1.5 million owed to the city. (AP)

Weekend Rewind



- **Stefon Diggs, a blue-chip football recruit from Good Counsel, committed to play for Maryland.**
- **Alex Morgan's two late goals lifted the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 win against New Zealand.**
- **Jeremy Lin hit the decisive free throw to lead the Knicks over the Timberwolves for their fifth-straight win.**
- **The U.S. completed a 5-0 sweep over Roger Federer and Switzerland in the first round of the Davis Cup.**
- **Mason and Miles Plumlee powered Duke's basketball team to a 73-55 victory over Maryland.**
- **NFL.com reported that the Pittsburgh Steelers are prepared to cut ties with wide receiver Hines Ward.**
- **UConn's women's basketball team recorded its 99th-straight win at home by thumping Georgetown, 80-38.**

Caps Fail To Cool off First-Place Rangers

The Capitals

Back to back, day game after day game, away or home: No matter what obstacles are thrown in front of the New York Rangers these days, none seems to pose a threat to the Eastern Conference leaders.

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Less than 24 hours after dispatching the Flyers in Philadelphia during a Saturday matinee, Henrik Lundqvist and the Rangers hosted the Capitals and skated off with a grinding 3-2 victory on Sunday.

No flash, no showtime. Just solid work at both ends of the ice that produced a goal in each period and kept Alex Ovechkin and co. at bay. The Rangers (36-13-5) have won four of five and six of eight (6-1-1).

Alexander Semin scored; defenseman John Carlson had a goal and assist; and Michal Neuvirth stopped 25 shots for the Capitals, who have lost four of six (2-3-1) and sit ninth in the East playoff race. Neuvirth got the surprise nod after Tomas Vokoun became ill. (AP)

TV Lineup

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M., NBCSN) The Caps return home from New York to face the New York Rangers.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN) No. 2 Syracuse visits Louisville in a Big East matchup, and then Kansas visits in-state rival Kansas State.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2) Tennessee plays Kentucky, and Connecticut vists Oklahoma.

lookout



She Will Be Missed
Friends and admirers pay tribute to the late Whitney Houston 27



Weekend Box Office

The Vow	$41.7M
Safe House	$39.3M
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island	$27.5M
Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (3D)	$23M
Chronicle	$12.3M
The Woman In Black	$10.3M
The Grey	$5M
Big Miracle	$3.9M
The Descendants	$3.5M
Underworld Awakening	$2.5M

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In this 2009 photo, Whitney Houston performs at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

Love, Always

Whitney Houston's voice will forever transcend her many personal troubles

Appreciation

Whitney Houston's downfall was so long and sad that, in an impatient public's mind, it overshadowed her many accomplishments. Houston died Saturday afternoon in a Beverly Hills hotel room. She was 48. The cause of death was unknown as of late Sunday.

Her achievements can be checked off easily in numbers — Grammy awards, records sold, the string of seven-consecutive No. 1 singles. Yet if there's any solace to her passing, it is that people will revisit recordings, videos and films to rediscover the majesty of her work.

Look up the video for one of those hits, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)." It's a pop confection that could have been sung by any singer who might have quickly been forgotten. Houston lifted it above average with a voice that could be found on a gospel record or opera stage.

The daughter of Cissy Houston and cousin of Dionne Warwick, Houston had talent that surpassed each of them. Her godmother was Aretha Franklin, and in her prime, Houston's voice could match the Queen of Soul's.

"Didn't We Almost Have It All" and "How Will I Know" were other standouts, evidence that Houston could master balladry and uptempo songs. She was one of music executive Clive Davis' greatest signings.

Anyone who saw Houston perform "The Star Spangled Banner" before the 1991 Super Bowl will always remember it.

The 1992 film "The Bodyguard" and its soundtrack will remain her signature achievement. She portrayed a superstar singer guarded by a former Secret Service agent played by Kevin Costner. For the soundtrack, she took a little-known Dolly Parton song, "I Will Always Love You," and made it her own. And then some.

The hits didn't dry up immediately, but they became less frequent. Her marriage to singer Bobby Brown was ill-fated, and she descended into drug abuse.

In a 1997 interview, Houston deflected talk about a life and marriage that were clearly troubled. "I didn't get in the business to talk about my personal life," she said then.

"My life doesn't go on record. My voice does." It is the only thing to be thankful for with this sad story. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

In Her Final Days

Whitney Houston's last days were spent surrounded by family, catching up with old friends and doing what she was best known for: singing. Her death Saturday afternoon came hours before she was scheduled to appear at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammy party. Houston had been making the rounds in the days before the event, appearing at rehearsals and offering advice to singers Monica and Brandy. On Thursday, she appeared with singer Kelly Price on stage at a Hollywood club, where she sang the hymn "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" to loud cheers. (AP)

"There's only one Whitney Houston. There will probably never ever be another."

— NEIL PORTNOW, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RECORDING ACADEMY.

"First of all, I want to tell you that I love you all. Second, I would like to say, I love you Whitney. The hardest thing for me to do is to come on this stage."

— EX-HUSBAND BOBBY BROWN, PERFORMING HOURS AFTER HER DEATH.

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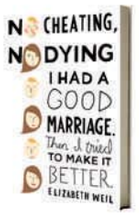
A More Perfect Union

Elizabeth Weil figured out how to make a good marriage better

Books

Elizabeth Weil is a striver, working constantly to be a better mother, a faster runner, a more successful writer.

She has been married for more than a decade, too, but that role never got much of her effort. "I had an attitude about it that it was either star-crossed or it wasn't star-crossed," she explains.



At some point, Weil realized her marriage was getting short shrift, and she wondered whether it could be enhanced by some dedicated attention.

With her initially reluctant husband, she embarked on a yearlong relationship-improvement project, documented in her just-released book, "No Cheating, No Dying: I Had a Good Marriage. Then I Tried to Make It Better" ($25, Scribner).

The book is a nakedly honest account of the sometimes-painful attempts she and her husband make to understand their relationship and enhance it through therapy, marriage education, sex coaching and religious counseling.


STEVEN SIMKO

Elizabeth Weil made improving her marriage into a yearlong project and a book.

Weil makes it abundantly obvious that she adores her husband, Dan Duane, who is also a writer. But she doesn't spare details about his occasional bouts of depression or his complicated relationship with her family. Nor does she paint herself as anything other than a deeply flawed woman. "I had this mantra for myself as I was writing, 'Just be totally honest and everything will be okay,'" Weil, 42, says.

> **"If you're in a good place, it's easy to make it better. ... [If] you're in a hole, it's really hard."**
>
> — **ELIZABETH WEIL,** ON THE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO IMPROVE YOUR MARRIAGE.

Weil began by reading books about marriage. She was surprised by how much scientific research existed on marriages. In the end, her biggest lesson learned, and the one she hopes to convey, is that what she did is worth trying.

"If you're in a good place, it's easy to make it better from there," she says. "But if you wait until you're in a hole, it's really hard." ELLEN MCCARTHY (THE WASHINGTON POST)


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'Marley' Profiles A Legend

Film

A documentary premiering at the Berlin International Film Festival aims to offer new insight into the life of reggae legend Bob Marley, against a backdrop of dozens of his songs.

Director Kevin Macdonald ("The Last King of Scotland") said Sunday he hopes "to bring to people around the world a sense of who this man was as a human being."

The film, "Marley," contains interviews with Marley's relatives and fellow musicians. Macdonald says he took 13 months to make it — though work to secure rights to the music started earlier. "There are three different entities you have to negotiate with, and there's a lot of disputes about who owns what song," he says.

One of the singer's sons, Rohan Marley, joined Macdonald to present the film. (AP)

Today's Top Stops

COMPILED BY FIONA ZUBLIN



1 Hearts in Art

How will you spend this Valentine's Day? Filling your face with chalky conversation hearts in an attempt to fill the void within? Whatever your attitude toward the pinkest of holidays, the Last Minute Valentine Art Show has something for you. Cartoonist Ben Claassen — who illustrates Express' "Baggage Check" column — is showing a bunch of new paintings, including our favorite character, Hideous Heart. ***Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8 p.m., free; 703-525-8646, Galaxyhut.com. (Clarendon)***

2 Love/Hate Relationships

We're not really down with Valentine's Day bashing. Can't we all just ignore the criticism? If you want some good, old-fashioned V-Day hate, though, you can't do better than Mothertongue's anti-Valentine's Day spoken word slam at the Black Cat. You'll want to go buy a bunch of candy hearts just to crush them beneath your powerful feet. ***Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., $8; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U Street)***

3 Sweets for a Sweetheart

It's not exactly Valentine's Day-related, but the Chocolate, Cheese and Bubbly class at Seasonal Pantry will fill you in on how to pair up these three romantic foods just in time to impress your sweetheart (or eat an entire block of cheese by yourself; we aren't here to judge). If you miss this week's class, there's another on Feb. 20. ***Seasonal Pantry, 1314 9th St. NW; 7 p.m., $49; Seasonalpantry.com. (Shaw)***



ahead



Steal This Job
Taraneh Dadmarz, the owner of English Rose Garden flower shop, has a sweet arrangement going. E8

"I'm always super-prepared for going into a negotiating meeting. You need to know all the facts; otherwise, you can't be successful. I learned that on Wall Street."



— **MARC MONTAGNER,** CFO OF LIGHTSQUARED, A MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY. **PAGE E2**

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The number of companies signed up to post job listings on OppsPlace.com, an employment website aimed at minorities and started by local entrepreneur Robert L. Johnson that launches Monday. (CAPITAL BUSINESS)



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top of the ladder

Marc Montagner

Chief financial officer of LightSquared, a mobile communications company based in Reston, Va.

LIVING IN A RURAL VILLAGE IN FRANCE, Marc Montagner's family did not own a phone until he was in college. An engineer by training, he did investment banking on Wall Street and eventually landed at Nextel, where he helped guide the merger with Sprint. Now he's helping to lead a company he believes will "change the structure of the wireless industry."

How do you figure out what business opportunity looks promising?

I always ask a ton of questions. I want to know how things work. That goes for electrical gadgets, machinery and businesses. I need to understand the nitty-gritty of things. If you ask the right questions and build things from the bottom up, you'll understand. You can't look at a company top down. You have to look at it bottom up. I'm a very detail-oriented guy. I'm always super-prepared for going into a negotiating meeting. You need to know



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all the facts; otherwise, you can't be successful. I learned that on Wall Street.

Can you give an example?

When I joined Nextel, 99 percent of revenue came from voice service. We knew that wireless data was around the corner, but we didn't have the technology or spectrum to allow us to provide wireless data services. I decided to sit down with the regulatory team, and we looked at all the different spectrums that existed. We found a piece of spectrum that was owned by WorldCom, which was in bankruptcy. We bought the spectrum from them for $144 million. The spectrum we bought eventually helped give Sprint Nextel a few-billion-dollar valuation.

Did your interest in engineering help on Wall Street?

You look at a new company and say, "Can I raise money for this company? Can I take it public?" You need to be able to understand that and, if it makes sense, to sell it to an investor. I was an engineer, so I could talk to a management team and speak the language.

VANESSA SMALL (CAPITAL BUSINESS)

Top of the Ladder regularly features advice and insight from leaders at the height of their careers.



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J.J. Campbell, senior project manager at CCSI Construction, earned an MBA from George Mason University in 2010 to better handle the business-related aspects of his position.

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Potential employees holding an MBA can use their expertise in a wide range of career fields

Disciplines

While working as a theater director and a stage manager over the past few years, Abigail Isaac found that everyone was adept at putting on a show. It was when it came to things like marketing and finances that these venues weren't winning rave reviews.

"I was finding in the young companies that there wasn't much knowledge about how to run a business," says Isaac, who hails from Fairfax and holds bachelor's degrees in theater and economics. "They were all talented artists, but they didn't have the skills, the knowledge or the drive to learn how to run their companies more successfully."

Seeing a gap in need of filling, Isaac, 27, enrolled in the MBA program at George Mason University. Now in her first year of a two-year, full-time program, she's gaining skills that can help arts organizations succeed both onstage and behind the scenes.

"I'm learning accounting, finance and marketing, all of these disciplines that many people in the theater industry haven't formally studied," she says. "I'm also developing my decision-making process as a manager, learning how to attack a business problem and form a creative solution."

When you hear the letters MBA, you might automatically think of Wall Street wunderkinds or the world of investment banking. And while plenty of people with a Master of Business Administration do go down those paths, others use their skills and knowledge in areas including engineering, energy, education and the nonprofit sector.

"The reality is that a very small percentage of MBAs go to Wall Street," says Dave Wilson, president and CEO of the Graduate Management Admission Council (a Reston, Va.-based nonprofit organization of leading graduate business schools around the world and the administrator of the GMAT exam).

"MBA holders are generally better communicators and thinkers than somebody without an MBA."

— **ELIZABETH JOHNSON,** ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT.

"You hear about it because the highly selective schools are the ones people talk about, and they're the ones that tend to feed Wall Street. Finance, accounting and consulting are still very popular fields, and they hire mostly MBAs. But if you look at the other areas that are growing — technology, nonprofits, government, health care, energy, utilities — these are all major enterprises that need to be managed."

The core courses of an MBA program include finance, accounting, human resources, marketing and management. Students can choose to specialize in a certain area or stick with a more general approach. It typically takes two years to complete the degree for full-time students and longer for those who attend school part time. Over the past three years, 38 percent of MBA students at the George Washington University who accepted employment after completing their MBA found it in the government, nonprofit or education sectors.

"An MBA is an incredibly broad and diverse degree," says Doug Guthrie, dean, professor of international business and professor of management at the George Washington University School of Business. "So it becomes an incredibly useful degree across a whole

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The Salary Situation

It's true that using your MBA at a nonprofit or in the government sector might not lead to a high-end six-figure salary. But that's quite all right for some people. "The truth is that in today's economy and job market, and with the fact that there are a lot of conversations about socially driven issues, we have a lot of students who are passionate about this," says Doug Guthrie, a dean, professor of international business and professor of management at the George Washington University School of Business.

"A lot of people today are looking at quality of life and having a purpose in your life," says Dave Wilson, president and CEO of the Graduate Management Admission Council. "What are you going to do? Are you going to change the world or make it sugared water? Yes, we're not seeing the same high compensation for those who go to nonprofits, but we're seeing more and more a very reasonable compensation and a quality of life and purpose of life that is dramatically different."

"Some people might say that they have to go into investment banking because that's where they can make the most money," says Elizabeth Johnson, assistant director of career services at George Mason University's School of Management. "But right now, there aren't a lot of jobs in banking. So they have to be realistic, and there are some good alternatives. In the D.C. area, we have some very prominent nonprofits, associations and NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] that pay quite well and pay market rate for the expertise they hire. It's competitive, and they want to get the best people." B.L.

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variety of sectors, including the social sector and government."

After all, a nonprofit organization and a for-profit business aren't as different as one might think. "From a fundamental level, just about every organization in the United States and beyond operates in the same kind of way," says Lorri Cooper, associate professor of management at Marymount University, which offers nonprofit management graduate programs through its School of Business Administration. "Money goes in and out in the same kind of way; employees are hired and developed in the same kind of way. So MBA holders can literally go into any organization."

While working for Women for Women International, Patty Pina Slutsky witnessed the need for business skills in the nonprofit world. "I saw how critical things like management, leadership, accounting and marketing were to the growth of an organization," says the 31-year-old, who obtained an MBA from the George Washington University in 2011.

Slutsky works as director of global partnerships for Teach for All, a network of independent social enterprises working to expand educational opportunities. "I definitely feel like my MBA comes with a certain amount of credibility," she says. "It makes you think about data and the way it's used effectively, the value of leadership, and how human resources is not just about processing benefits but about having a staff that's a valuable resource and part of the overall strategic vision for an organization."

For J.J. Campbell, 36, who obtained an MBA from George Mason University in 2010, the degree puts him on a more level playing field with the various people he encounters in his role as senior project manager at CCSI Construction. "Now I can talk to bankers who might be involved in financing or real estate people looking at how the cost of construction fits into the bigger picture," he says. "Before, there were a lot of technical things that my undergraduate degree in civil engineering was well suited for, but I was pretty much self-taught in a lot of business areas. About five seconds into a complicated financial discussion, things were completely over my head."

Like many other MBA holders, Campbell developed himself into a well-rounded employee. And that's something all businesses might want to take note of, no matter what services they provide or products they sell.

"MBA holders are generally better communicators and thinkers than somebody without an MBA," says Elizabeth Johnson, assistant director of career services at George Mason University's School of Management. "They look beyond just the immediate world around them and can really add freshness and business savvy to an organization. They can really help the employer be on the cutting edge." BETH LUBERECKI



Tend to Your Own Business

As a field of study, entrepreneurship attracts more than business majors

Courses

Dean David Thomas, who took the helm of Georgetown University's school of business in August, has been making the rounds lately, pitching prospective donors on a plan to raise $50,000 for what he describes as a university "seed fund."

The fresh money won't be used to bankroll fledgling student ventures or faculty's groundbreaking research ideas; in fact, it won't even stay in the business school for very long. The money is to be distributed to professors in other departments who design courses rooted in entrepreneurship.

Thomas' effort is part of a larger trend by business school leaders to establish entrepreneurship programs that act as academic bridges to students who study subjects as varied as art, public policy and engineering.

Business school was once largely the purview of students keen on pursuing careers in accounting, finance or management. But now graduates of all stripes are clamoring for help navigating a modern workplace where innovation, savvy and hard work often trump book smarts.

Nationally, the case for entrepreneurship is building. President Obama has even made entrepreneurship and new-business creation a cornerstone of his economic recovery plans.

But for universities, entrepreneurship itself is relatively new as a field of study. There's less research and fewer textbooks to support it than with other subjects, leaving some schools struggling with how to best build it into the curriculum.

"If business schools said that creative ideas can only come from the school of business, it would be to their detriment."

— **MAHESH JOSHI,** AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

An Academic Bridge

Students from George Mason University's Northern Virginia campuses were eligible to enroll in a minor program focused on entrepreneurship at the start of the academic year. It's an undertaking that was three years in the making.

Mahesh Joshi, an associate professor of management, was one of the program's architects. The classes build on a growing belief that entrepreneurship should not belong to

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any one department, he said.

"If business schools said that creative ideas can only come from the school of business, it would be to their detriment," Joshi said. "They can arise anywhere.

"I ask students to interview successful entrepreneurs, and then I ask them to check their functional background. Most of them don't have a business degree," he added.

The University of Maryland in College Park has made similar efforts to blend academic programs. As the university introduces more interdisciplinary courses to its curriculum, the business school has devised entrepreneurship classes for students in journalism and engineering, among others.

At George Washington University, students outside the business school were invited for the first time last year to participate in an annual business plan competition. The four-year-old contest rewards innovative and viable ideas with prize money.

The universities say these programs are poised for growth. Graduates today are less likely than their parents to work in just one field, and high-profile young entrepreneurs have made the prospect of self-employment seem more attainable.

There's also economic incentive. College students are graduating with mounting levels of debt only to find a tight job market. Many cannot find work or must settle for jobs outside their career of choice.

"A lot of schools have been forced by economic times to be more entrepreneurial, otherwise their students aren't going to make a living," said Bob Litan, vice president for research and policy at the Kauffman Foundation.

Professors at American University have submitted to the board of trustees a new graduate program in media entrepreneurship, which, if approved, could begin enrolling students this fall. The program combines course work from the schools of business and communication in an effort to find fresh ways of delivering the news.

The interdisciplinary program is one of many that the business school offers, either on its own or in partnership with other departments. Stevan Holmberg, chair of the management department, said the blend of academic backgrounds also pushes traditional business students to think more broadly.

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business students become even more creative and somewhat reflective on what their own mind-sets are," Holmberg said. "How you see the world, how you filter data — all of that influences whether you look at a problem and see opportunities."

The curriculum for the pending media entrepreneurship program, despite its name, is rooted heavily in the core disciplines of business, Holmberg said. Students will be expected to complete courses in finance, management and marketing.

"We think they'll come out with a much richer understanding of the business skills and competencies they'll need to be successful if they start a new media venture," Holmberg said.

A New Discipline

The influential Kauffman Foundation also helped set this trend in motion through its Kauffman Campus initiative, which was started in 2003 to provide colleges with grants for cross-campus programs. Eighteen universities have shared in $50 million so far.

But the lessons from that effort, which is now in its final year, have been less tangible than the organization anticipated.

"When you're dealing with young people, it's not just entrepreneurship that's important," said John Courtin, a vice president at Kauffman. "There's a whole suite of skills you have to develop."

Kauffman's Litan said the program has not yet had a discernible effect on the number of start-ups being formed. Furthermore, entrepreneurship and how it's taught are interpreted differently at almost every school, making it difficult to generate meaningful data about what really works.

Many business schools in the Washington region have added start-up incubators, elevator pitch competitions and other hands-on activities outside the classroom in recent years. Litan said these often prove more successful than instruction alone.

"Not many schools teach a course that basically has the kids think up an idea and actually implement it while they're in the course," he said.



JEFFREY MACMILLAN/CAPITAL BUSINESS

Undergraduate students mull over articles from the Economist magazine in professor Richard Linowes' Global Entrepreneurship class at American University.

"That's really hard to do in three and a half months."

The question has also been raised about how much of a curriculum entrepreneurship ought to consume. Students often need expertise in a particular subject matter before creating a business from scratch, lending further support to the idea of interdisciplinary programs.

"I would not send my kid to major in entrepreneurship," Litan said matter-of-factly.

Instead, he and Courtin said schools that incorporate entrepreneurship into current fields of study or as a minor program often provide the most effective balance. After all, every student needs a backup plan.

"One of the things that seemed inherent in our Kauffman Campus program is we wanted everyone to be the next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates," Courtin said. "You just can't scale a business if you don't have a lot of people whose career it is going to be to *not* be the founding entrepreneur. That's another thing that I think we learned quietly from this process."

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A local entrepreneur gets in touch with her floral side and decides to open her own shop



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Florist Taraneh Dadmarz works in her Georgetown shop, English Rose Garden.

Taraneh Dadmarz, 47

TITLE: Owner, English Rose Garden (3209 O St. NW; 202-333-3306, Englishrosegrdn.com)

SALARY: Florist shop owners earn a mean annual salary of $148,830, according to May 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

WHAT SHE DOES: As the owner of a floral design company, Dadmarz has a pretty good arrangement going. Besides managing her shop in Georgetown and a warehouse in Virginia, she meets with clients, oversees events, coordinates deliveries and orders new stems.

When the flowers come in, Dadmarz and her three employees spend a couple hours hydrating them. "We have to cut them and put them in a solution which helps the flowers drink up more water," she says. Once the flowers are hydrated, she puts them in a cooler for an hour. "Then you can start working with the flowers."

Walk-in customers can buy single flowers or full arrangements. Dadmarz also offers free delivery on orders of at least $50. That minimum doubles to $100 on Valentine's Day, one of the two busiest times of the year for her. (The other is Mother's Day.)

For Valentine's Day, she offers special arrangements. "This year, we're going to do flowers and chocolate together," she says.

Dadmarz says 90 percent of her business comes from supplying events and parties. She's designed for celebrities including Oprah Winfrey and for locations such as the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Library of Congress, Strathmore and Cartier. The partnership starts with an hour-long consultation, after which she provides a written proposal. Once the contract is signed, she creates a sample arrangement and takes a photograph of it for the client. "The day of the event, that's exactly what they're going to get."

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WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?

"People come in and say, 'It's so wonderful. You play with flowers every day. What a beautiful product,'" Dadmarz says. "It is a beautiful product, but it is so difficult, it's stressful because you're working with a product that you have to sell in four days. Otherwise, you have to just throw it out."

The job is also labor-intensive, requiring the lifting of heavy buckets filled with water and flowers. "You have to be in good shape," she says.

Her main motivators are the pleasure she gets from flowers and satisfied customers. "I have yet to come across someone who wasn't happy to be getting an arrangement," she says.

HOW SHE GOT THIS JOB: Bored on her second trip to Hong Kong in 1995, Dadmarz went into a flower shop and asked whether she could practice making arrangements. "I always loved entertaining, but one thing I didn't know how to do was put arrangements together," she says. Two weeks later, "I came back [to D.C.] and said, 'You know, this is so fun, just playing around with flowers.'"

She signed up for formal classes — one at Springfield Flowers By Michael (6407 Backlick Road, Springfield, Va.; 703-451-3021) and another with the former owner of the Flower Gallery (Flowergallerydc.com). She also trained in London at the Kenneth Turner Flower School after finding inspiration in Turner's books on floral design.

After completing school, Dadmarz spent a year freelancing for other florists before opening her shop in 1997.

HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB: Take one course or a five-class series at the Shover School of Floral Design (Parkflorist.us/shoverschool.asp); sign up for the introductory-level series ($90) starting Feb. 23 at Wisteria (Wisteriaflorals.com/florals_classes.html) or earn a certificate at the Flowerhandlers Design School (Flowerhandlersdesignschool.com), which offers classes on running a business.

For more formal training, contact the American Institute of Floral Designers (Aifd.org). Or take Northern Virginia Community College's Introduction to Floral Design (Courses.vccs.edu/colleges/nova/courses/HRT260-IntroductiontoFloralDesign) and Advanced Floral Design (Courses.vccs.edu/colleges/nova/courses/HRT266-AdvancedFloralDesign) courses. **STEPHANIE KANOWITZ**

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets



CBS 8:00

How I Met Your Mother Lily and Marshall invite Robin and Kevin on a getaway to Vermont, where the latter couple consider taking things to the next level. A blind date (Becki Newton, right) has Barney thinking he's finally met his match.

PBS 9:00

Slavery by Another Name This documentary based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning book examines the concept of "neoslavery," which sentenced African-Americans in the post-Emancipation South to forced labor for violating laws that criminalized their everyday behavior.

BET 9:00

BET Honors 2012 Poet Maya Angelou; singers Stevie Wonder and Mariah Carey; filmmaker Spike Lee; the Tuskegee Airmen; and track and field coach Beverly Kearney are honored at this year's ceremony, hosted by Gabrielle Union at the Warner Theatre in Washington.

NBC 10:00



Smash As Ivy (Megan Hilty, left) and Karen do whatever it takes to impress temperamental director Derek Wills, Julia and Frank deal with the red tape involved in international adoption. Eileen tries to get financing for the show. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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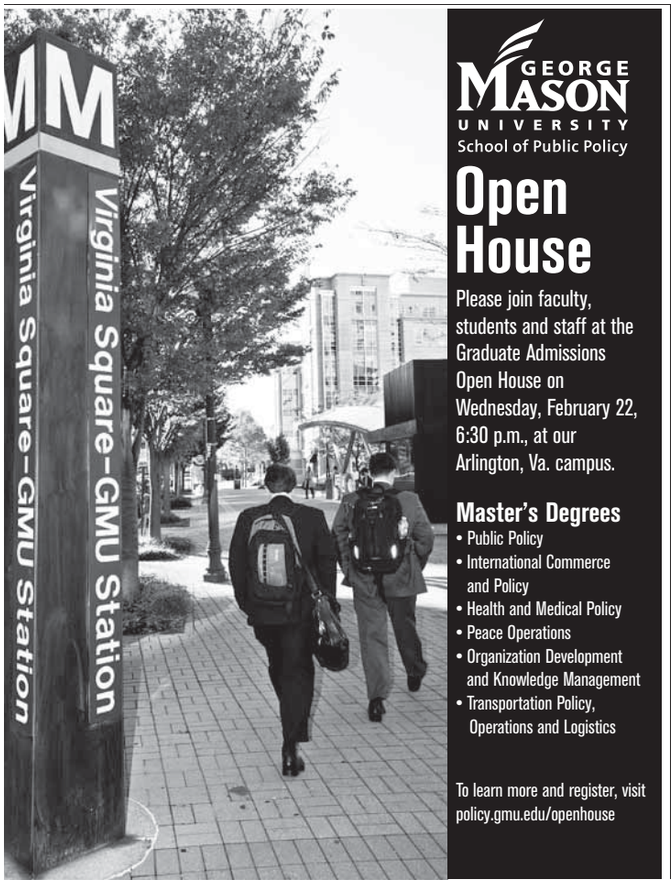
Last week Hugh Laurie, above, and "House" producers announced that this season of the series would be its last. Over eight seasons, "House" has achieved a rare combination of critical and popular acclaim. Laurie and the show's producers say they want "House" to end before its creativity flags, stating in a release that House "should never be the last one to leave the party." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Dogs



Breeding Rivalry

The 136th edition of the "Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show" (8 p.m., USA) opens at Madison Square Garden in New York, with a slightly smaller field of dogs competing —2,000 instead of the usual 2,500. Six new breeds are eligible to compete this year: the American English coonhound, Cesky terrier, Entlebucher mountain dog, Finnish Lapphund, Norwegian Lundehund and Xoloitzcuintli. The show concludes Tuesday. (TM)



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Rafael Mandler, Juliet Shaposhnikov

Rafael, 31, is a software engineer. Juliet, 25, is an event scheduler for the Navy. They live in Rockville.



THE MAIN EVENT: They will marry Feb. 25 in San Francisco.
HONEYMOON: Oahu, Hawaii.
HOW THEY MET: On OkCupid. "I sent her a message reassuring her that it was OK that she watched 'Golden Girls.'"
FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "Jewish, cute, seemed interesting." "I liked how he mentioned 'Golden Girls' in his first message to me."
FIRST DATE: Starbucks, then dinner at Thai Chef in Dupont Circle. "I was a little late and ran to our meeting point, only to be sweating upon arrival," Juliet says. "I was really nervous about looking terrible but quickly forgot about my insecurities when we began to talk."
HOW HE PROPOSED: At Maggiano's in Bethesda. "He failed to cover up the ring box, and I demanded to know what was in his pants," Juliet says.
THEIR SONG: "Moonlight Serenade" by the Glenn Miller Orchestra. "It's classy, and we like it," Rafael says.
MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His 15-year-old black loafers. The Express polo she always wears.

Kevin Bogardus, Mary Laura Calhoun

Kevin, 31, is a reporter for the Hill. Mary Laura, 30, is a preschool teacher. They live in Columbia Heights.



THE MAIN EVENT: An outdoor wedding July 14 at a nature sanctuary.
HOW THEY MET: A friend set them up by inviting them to a poker game, where they ended up being the only single ones.
FIRST DATE: Right after the poker game, they got drinks at Tune Inn.
HOW HE PROPOSED: He took the day off work and wooed her with Champagne and a walk to Meridian Hill Park, where he popped the question in front of the statue of Dante.
THEIR SONG: The theme to "Law & Order: SVU" "because I sing along to it and Kevin always laughs at me."
PET NAMES: He calls her "my cutes patootes," and she calls him "my big man-beast."
WHEN HE KNEW: When he fell asleep during a movie. "Mary Laura took notes on the movie so she could tell me how it ended the next morning."
WITH INFINITE FUNDS: They'd "pay to insure that deer and other woodland creatures frolic with joy in the background as we say our wedding vows," Kevin says.



Avi Shoham, Debbie Wagenberg

Avi, 31, works in purchasing at his family's business. Debbie, 28, is a marketing manager. They live in Courthouse.

THE MAIN EVENT: A Jewish Orthodox ceremony in the synagogue Debbie grew up attending, in Aventura, Fla., on Feb. 25. The reception will be black-tie; they're expecting 300.
HOW THEY MET: On Jdate.com.
FIRST DATE: Drinks at Liberty Tavern.
HOW HE PROPOSED: He lured her to his place under the pretense of checking on a leak. When they got there, she saw he'd provided balloons, roses and Champagne. Says Debbie: "My first words were, 'Can I get my camera?'"
STUPIDEST FIGHT: When he got on their exercise bike without shoes. "I thought it was more comfortable, but Debbie thought it was the strangest thing in the world."
WITH INFINITE FUNDS: They'd have rapper Pitbull perform.

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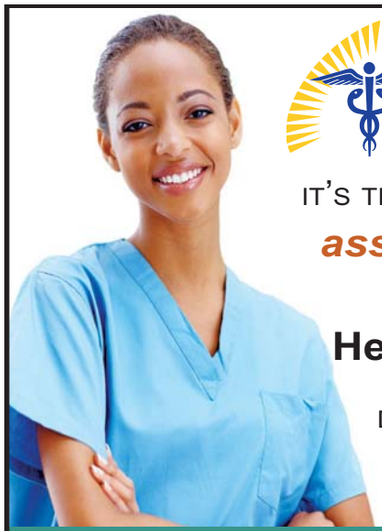
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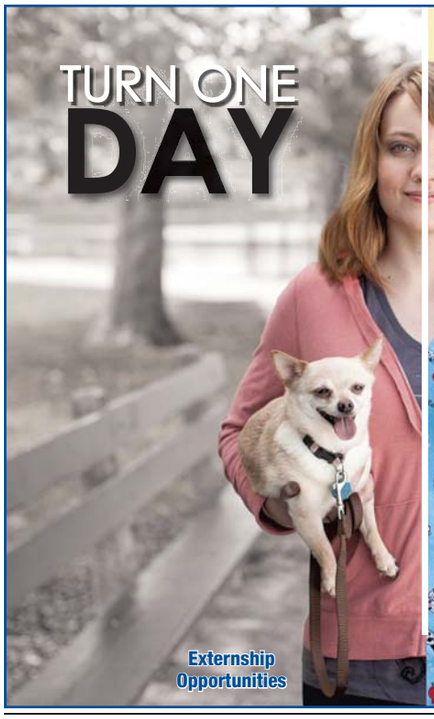
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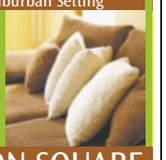
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"Wow. That's an honor indeed. It's rather amazing how Giffords, 41, has become such a beloved American icon. Then again, why not? We need all the inspiration we can get these days."

—EJPERKINS.BLOGSPOT.COM thinks the former Arizona representative could eventually parlay her popularity into a presidential run. The Navy announced Friday its newest ship will be the USS Gabrielle Giffords.

"Honestly, I don't know how the real [Nicolas] Cage managed to keep a straight face during a bit that explained the two-step formula for his most successful movies: 'All the dialog is either whispered or screamed.' And 'everything in the movie is on fire.' Amazing stuff."

—MICHAEL SLEZAK at TVline.com thought the "Saturday Night Live" bit with Andy Samberg playing Cage next to Cage himself on "Weekend Update" was well done.

"Whether Luis Suarez is innocent of the charges laid at his door, and the weight of evidence led the FA to believe he was guilty, it's the actions of the Liverpool striker prior to kickoff yesterday [at] lunchtime that may lead some to believe that the forward has shamed Liverpool Football Club."

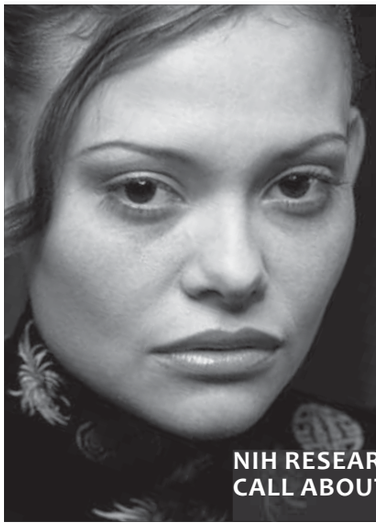
—CAUGHTOFFSIDE.COM reacts to the fact that Suarez refused to shake hands with Manchester United's Patrice Evra before Sunday's game in the Barclay's Premier League. Evra accused Suarez of using racial slurs during an October game, an accusation that led to the suspension of Suarez for eight games this season. Suarez has since apologized for not shaking hands.

"Fans of the series who do choose to shell out money for the 3D re-release will, no doubt, find it hard not to be extra excited during the podracing scene — which, despite all of the problems with overarching film coupled with mostly underwhelming 3D applications, is almost (but not quite) enough to make the trip worth it."

—BEN KENDRICK at ScreenRant.com offers some advice for anyone looking to see "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" in 3-D in theaters.

"People are ignorant with the crack jokes and Ray-J and Bobby Brown jokes. [I] didn't know death was humorous."

—@BANKROLL_LO wasn't impressed by the crass nature in which some people treated the death of Whitney Houston on Twitter. Houston, Brown's ex-wife, was rumored to be dating singer Ray-J.



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Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Put things in simple terms today and your message is sure to reach those with whom you are really trying to communicate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll want to get your part of a project done before anyone else has to prompt you to do so. Being responsible is a key issue at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Others may think you are simply vacillating, but the truth is that by changing your mind you are demonstrating how reasonable you really are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What begins in a surprising way soon becomes something you are used to, and that can affect a great deal more about what you are doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your prospects are bright, and there are those who will want to follow in your footsteps in the time to come.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can make an important discovery today, and yet you won't know quite what to do with it until you receive a bit more information.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The lessons you have to learn largely have to do with fitting in and heightening your own sense of belonging.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not know just how to approach another about an issue that has been plaguing you for some time, but you know the time has come to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll discover that you have more friends and supporters than you had originally estimated — and it's a good thing, too!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're going to have to use your imagination to come up with a solution to a problem you have inherited from another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You know how to work and play well with others, but today you may not be in the mood for such interaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Not everyone is on your particular wavelength, which means that a few difficult things will be up to you to say and do.

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Scrabble Grams

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E1	E1	I1	T1	M3	D2	B3		
								RACK 2
O1	O1	U1	T1	T1	S1	P3	3rd Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
A1	A1	A1	P3	N1	B3	N1		
								RACK 4
E1	U1	Y4	J8	R1	R1	P3	Double Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

V4	A1	C3	C3	I1	N1	E1	RACK 1 = 92
F4	L1	A1	K5	I1	E1	R1	RACK 2 = 64
S1	U1	L1	F4	A1	T1	E1	RACK 3 = 61
P3	U1	P3	P3	I1	E1	S1	RACK 4 = 63

PAR SCORE 200-210 TOTAL 280

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Sudoku

EASY

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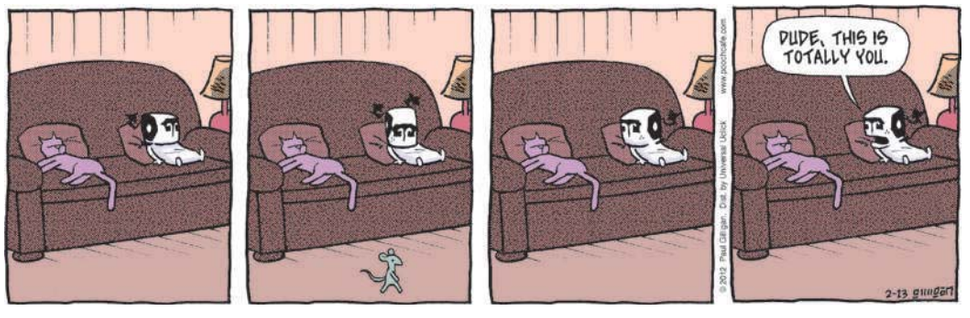
Friday's Solution

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9	1	4	3	5	6	2	7	8
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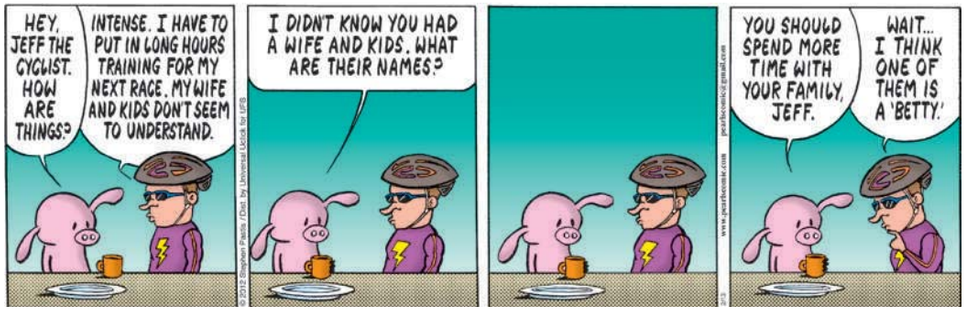
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Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

45 | 31

Today: Sun mixing with high clouds and warmer today. Partly cloudy tonight.

48 | 37

Tomorrow: A bit of snow and rain at times tomorrow morning, then a shower.

Looking Ahead

WED	THU	FRI
54 | 35	52 | 38	51 | 30

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:03 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:43 p.m.
Moonrise today: none
Moonset today: 10:04 a.m.

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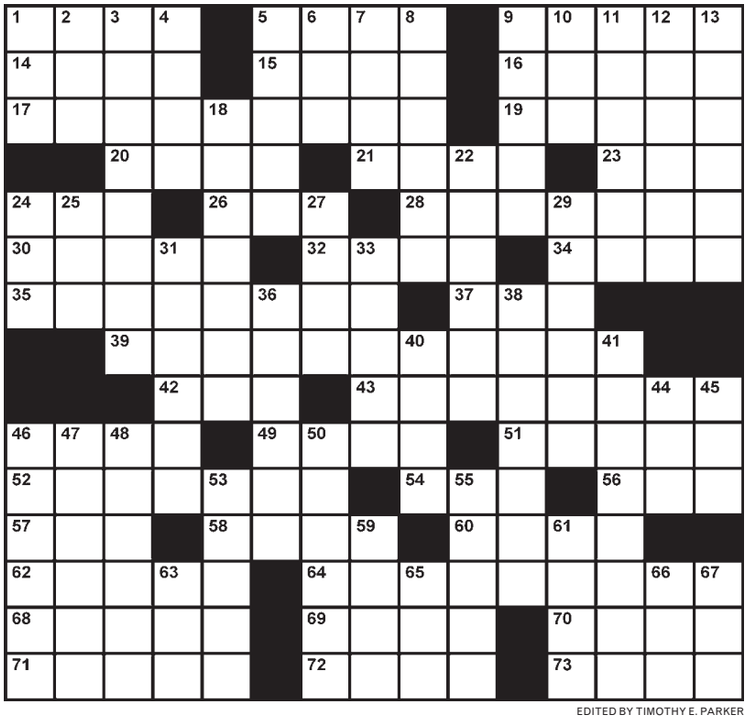
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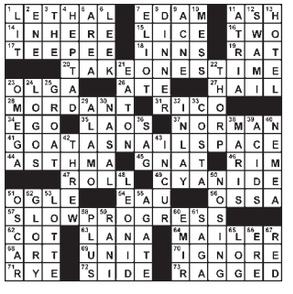
ACROSS

1 Bowl-shaped roof
5 They prey every night
9 Turkish title
14 Not quite round
15 ___ En-lai (Chinese premier)
16 Lowest female voices
17 Bit of unusual weather
19 Poet William Butler
20 It may be brushed off by a barber
21 Cushiness
23 Not, to a Scot
24 Musketeer motto word
26 Source of after-hours cash
28 Cracker with a hole in the middle
30 ___ and bounds
32 Site for stained-glass windows
34 "___ and the Real Girl"
35 Long, slender cigar
37 Target of many a shot
39 Bad weather for those behind the wheel?
42 Good hole card
43 State of adversity
46 Old-time oath
49 Practically touching
51 Color similar to mouse gray
52 Well-to-do
54 Tierra ___ Fuego
56 Word with "luxury" or "excise"
57 Help a market cashier
58 Do news-paper work
60 Bartlett or bosc
62 "Hi" or "bye" on Lanai
64 Strong current of air
68 Coins of Turkey
69 Task list heading
70 "We don't know who said it" abbr.
71 Had a purpose in mind
72 Florist's cutting
73 Method of meditation and exercise

DOWN

1 Homer Simpson's shout
2 Biological eggs
3 California et al, to Hawaiians
4 "___ Enchanted" (2004 fantasy film)
5 Band of eight
6 "Which person?"
7 Wisdom passed along
8 Some poisonous shrubs
9 Check recipient
10 Hearty quaff
11 Poem division
12 Balloon filler
13 Left side of the balance sheet
18 Afflicted with muscle tremors
22 Clips, as sheep
24 High peak
25 Grazing land for sheep
27 African republic
29 City near Binghamton, N.Y.
31 Macy's event
33 Cuddly bamboo-muncher
36 Tied, as the score
38 Playpen toys
40 Encircle or bind
41 Elementary particle with no charge
44 Place with curative waters
45 Questionnaire category
46 Prepare for mummification
47 Net minder
48 Mohair-coated goat
50 Authoritative decrees
53 Baker's buy
55 Certain salt source
59 Homer-hitter's pace
61 "And ___ we go!"
63 Solo in a space flick
65 Exalting poem
66 Eggy seasonal drink
67 Watson and Crick's lab material

Friday's Solution



Today in History

1741 Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania publishes the first American magazine. "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies" lasts three issues.

2011 Egypt's military leaders dissolve parliament, suspend the constitution and promise elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who'd helped topple President Hosni Mubarak.

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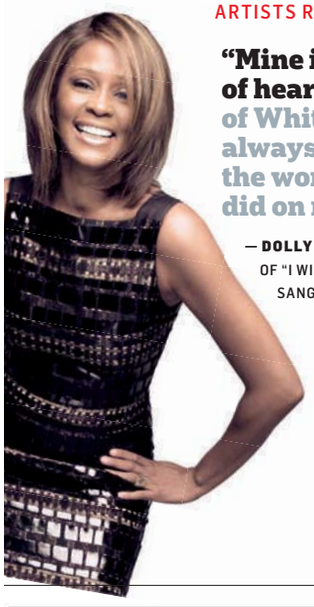
Katy Perry wore a large flower headdress on the red carpet at Friday's 2012 MusiCares Person of the Year Tribute. "Tonight's [look] is Petal Power themed," she tweeted. (EXPRESS)

AILING

Houston's Daughter Hospitalized



Bobbi Kristina Brown, the 18-year-old daughter of Bobby Brown and the late Whitney Houston, was taken to the hospital Sunday to be treated for stress, TMZ.com reported. Bobby Brown was skipping a Nashville concert Sunday and flying to L.A. to be with his daughter, according to TMZ sources. (EXPRESS)



ARTISTS REFLECT ON WHITNEY HOUSTON

"Mine is only one of the millions of hearts broken over the death of Whitney Houston. I will always be grateful and in awe of the wonderful performance she did on my song."

— **DOLLY PARTON,** WHO WROTE THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF "I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU," WHICH HOUSTON LATER SANG FOR THE FILM "THE BODYGUARD."

"I am devastated by the loss of Whitney. ... We have lost an extraordinary voice to the world."

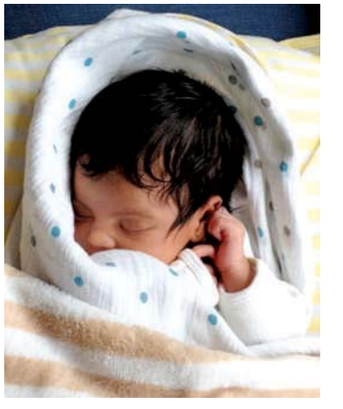
— **SINGER LIONEL RICHIE**



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Five photos of Blue Ivy Carter were posted by her parents — Beyonce and Jay-Z — on a page at the blogging service Tumblr. Helloblueivycarter.tumblr.com includes a close-up of the 1-month-old baby and two of each parent holding her. A statement next to the photos reads, "We welcome you to share our joy." The couple also thanked the public for respecting their privacy. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon debuted their twins in the same way last year. (AP)



"I don't drink blood, and last time I looked in the mirror I had a reflection."

— **NICOLAS CAGE,** TO DAVID LETTERMAN, ABOUT THE OLD-TIMEY PHOTO ALLEGED TO BE OF CAGE.

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